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PRODUCTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of fruits and vegetables in the country is about 60.20 crore tonne; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide remunerative prices of fruits and vegetables to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. The total production of fruits and vegetables in the country is 13.63 crore tonnes (4.55 crore tonnes fruits and 9.08 crore tonnes vegetables) during 1999-2000.

(b): Since fruits and vegetables are perishable commodities, they are not covered under Market Support Price (M.S.P.).However, these are covered under the Market Intervention Scheme (M.I.S.) wherein the market operation is done on the formalrequest of State Government subject to their willingness to share 50 per cent loss, if any, incurred in undertaking the Scheme.